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JORGENSEN, Rolf Jess ) TECH CENTER 1600/2900  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the action on the merits, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1 and 20 as follows:

A1:  
1. (Amended) A method of preventing parturient hypocalcemia in an animal, comprising administering to the animal during at least part of the dry period an effective amount of a composition according to claim 14.

A2:  
20. (Amended) The composition according to claim 14 wherein the compound has a competitive effect on the absorption of calcium from drinking water and/or from the ration of the animal.

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